

Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Burley City Chambers 1401 Overland Ave.

Burley, Idaho

Thursday December 2, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

ATTENDEES:

Shawn Woodhead - DEQ-TFRO

Katie Shewmaker - DEQ-TFRO

Tom Geary - Rancher

Art Hill - BOR

Carolyn Firth - ISWCC

Mark Dallon - USFS

Pat McCammon - 6S Ranch

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Tom Geary, who was asked to fill in by Chairman Earl Christiansen, who could not attend this meeting. Everyone in attendance was welcomed and each of the attendees introduced themselves and whom they represented at the meeting.

Wag Business

- The minutes from the previous Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory Group meeting on July 22, 2010, were reviewed and approved as written. Motion was made by Katie Shewmaker and seconded by Pat McCammon.
- The next meeting for the Lake Walcott WAG will be held in February.

DEQ- Draft Raft River Five-Year Review

Copies of the Draft Raft River Five-Year Review were handed out to the attendees. Katie presented the document calling attention to areas of interest and answering questions. DEQ would like to know what implementations have been done and on what streams; in order to add it to the review. DEQ wants to give acknowledgement to the people responsible for any implementation that has been done. Comments will be taken through the end of January. Please read through the document and send any comments/questions to Katie Shewmaker. The document will be posted online for those that were not able to attend the meeting.

DEQ- Pending Reports

The Marsh Creek and PNV Temperature TMDL Addendum is almost complete. The Raft River and Goose Creek Temperature TMDLs are currently close to completion; as is the Lake Walcott Five-Year Review. These documents are in the technical editing phase. Katie will work to present these documents at the next meeting slated for February 2011.

The 2010 Integrated Report

The time frame to submit comments to the DEQ state office for the Draft 2010 Integrated Report ended November 30, 2010. Nicole Deinarowicz, in the state office has received all comments and is currently reviewing them. The final report is slated to be finished in the first quarter of 2011.

Anti-Degradation

A copy of the IDAPA 58.01.02 Water Quality Standards, Notice of Rulemaking - Proposed Rule was handed out. The proposed rule will go to the Idaho Legislature in January. Please see the following website for the most current draft form:

http://www.deq.idaho.gov/rules/water/58_0102_1001_proposed.cfm.

319 Grant Update

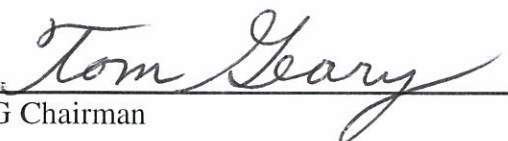
Sean Woodhead presented an update of 319 grants and upcoming schedule. The SUPERBAG met to decide on the funding for the 23 project chosen for 2010; however one member was not able to attend the meeting. They are waiting on his vote, and then the funding will be announced. The importance of BAG member's attendance was discussed, and if they are not able to attend a meeting a substitute or a proxy can be sent. The 319 project schedule will be relatively close to that of 2010. The optional project pre-application period will open in April 2011 and will close in May 2011. The online application will be due in August 2011, with applicants presenting to their respective BAG in October 2011. A complete schedule will be distributed from Barry Burnell during the first portion of 2011.

DEQ Updates

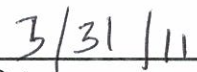
There is an opening in the Twin Falls Regional Office for a TMDL Implementation Coordinator. Applications are available online and the deadline is December 10, 2010.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Tom Geary at 8:30 p.m.



WAG Chairman



Date